B-3526 - B-3535 c. 1837-1880's 223 - 201 E. Cross St. (South side)/ 1115 Durst Alley (East side) Baltimore, Md. Private access

The south side of the 200 block of E. Cross St. is improved with a variety of house types ranging in date from the late 1830's to the 1870's and 1880's. 221-223 E. Cross St. is a pair of two story plus attic brick houses built in the early 1850's. To the west, at 219 E. Cross St. there is a two story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick house built in the 1860's; at 217 E. Cross St. there is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice representing a post-Civil War remodeling of an 1855 house; at 215 E. Cross St. there is a late Victorian two story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and Italianate bracketed cornice representing either an 1880's remodeling or replacement of the original 1850's house on the site; and at 213 E. Cross St. there is a two story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick house similar to that at 219 E. Cross St. and also built in the 1860's. Across Durst Alley to the west there is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed brick house at 211 E. Cross St.; a pair of two story, two bay wide gable-roofed houses at 207-209 E. Cross St. built in the 1850's; a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, now covered with aluminum siding, at 205 E. Cross St. 8 which probably represents an enlargement of an 1840's or 1850's house; and finally a pair of two story, two bay wide late Federal style houses (though currently without dormer windows) built in the late 1830's by the Dempster family at 201-203 E. Cross St. Only one house of an original row of ten two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs built along the east side of Durst Alley in a line the 1850's survives at 1115 Durst Alley. These houses were probably built by William Webb, the builder of the row of two story plus attic houses on the front portions of the lots at 1110-1124 Battery Ave.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed house that was built on this site in the 1840's. The facade has been covered with aluminum siding.

The house is three stories in height, 15 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 60' deep The house is one room deep and there is a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition, followed by a one story high, two bay deep addition. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with aluminum siding. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding decorated with a row of cut-work scallops and set above panels decorated with scroll-sawed motifs and applied medallions, and bordered along their lower edge with a row of quarter-round carvings. Three grooved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip decorated with quarter-round carvings. There is a double covered chimney located along the front section of the house on the east side. There is also a rear end chimney located at the south end of the addition.

The new aluminum siding facade hides from view the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. A Mission-style door is set beneath a single light transom filled with a piece of stained glass. The house sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by two marble steps. A rectangular basement opening is located to the left of the steps. A flat-roofed alleyway runs back under the westernmost bay of the house.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is typical of many houses built in the area as gable-roofed houses in the 1840's and 1850's which were enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the gable roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. The house seems to have been built by James Dempster, a grocer and fisherman, who owned the lot and houses extending from 201-205 E. Cross St. and had his grocery store at the corner of William and Cross. 1

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GR 426, Folio 198; <u>Baltimore City Directory</u>, 1840-41, 1855-56

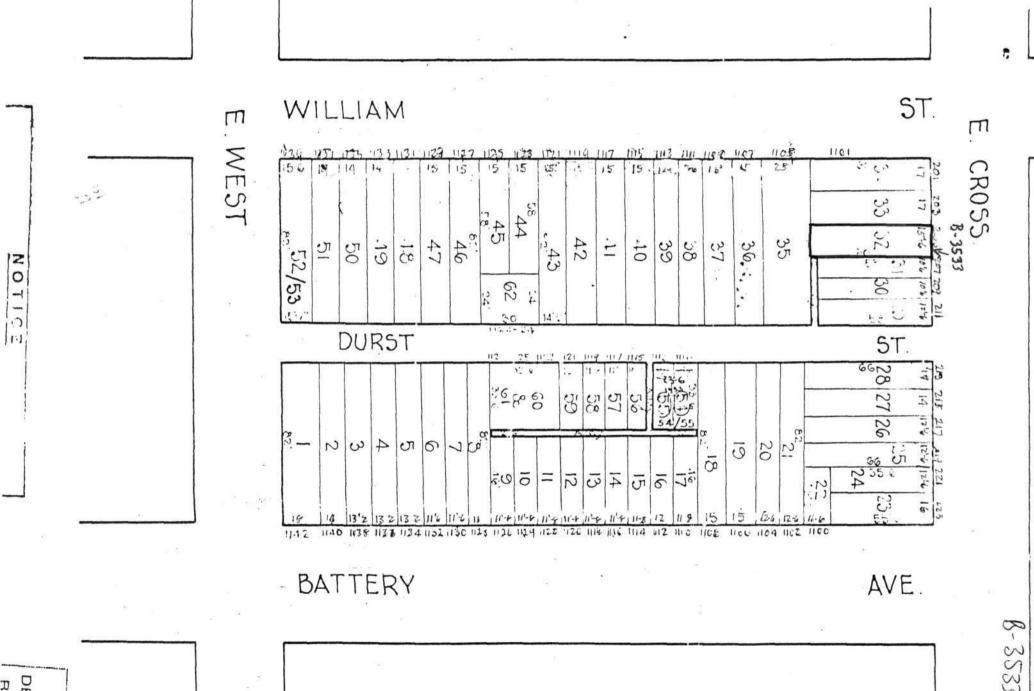
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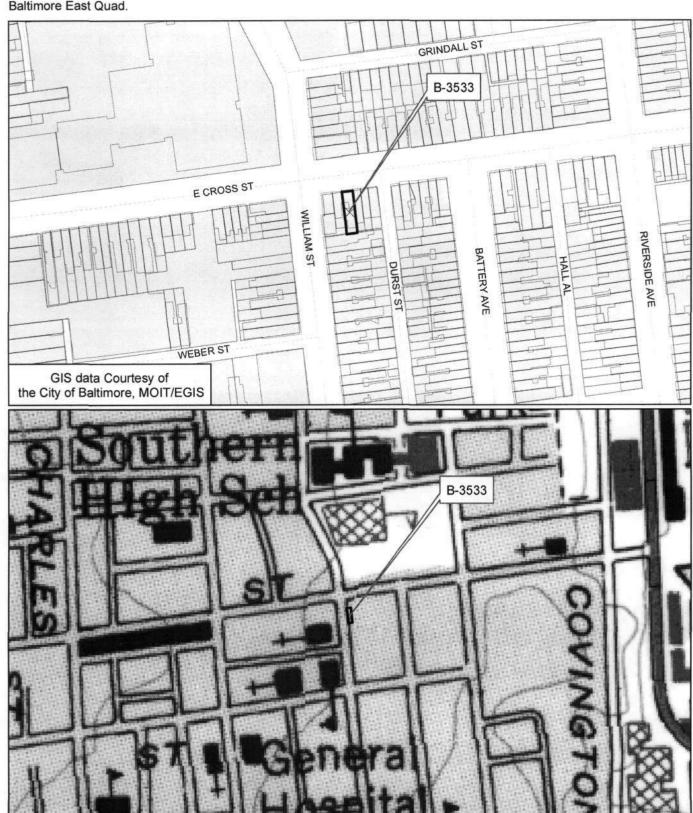
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